GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1233
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2007
LEVY OF SPECTRUM CHARGES
Appadurai Shri M.

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of the levy of spectrum charges on BSNL;

(b) whether the Government proposes to further the extension of waiver of spectrum charges to BSNL; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Spectrum charges are charges on account of spectrum allotted to BSNL. Spectrum is a scarce natural resource and has to be paid for by all telecom service providers. BSNL paid Rs. 334.06 crore in the year 2005-06 towards Spectrum Charges.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.